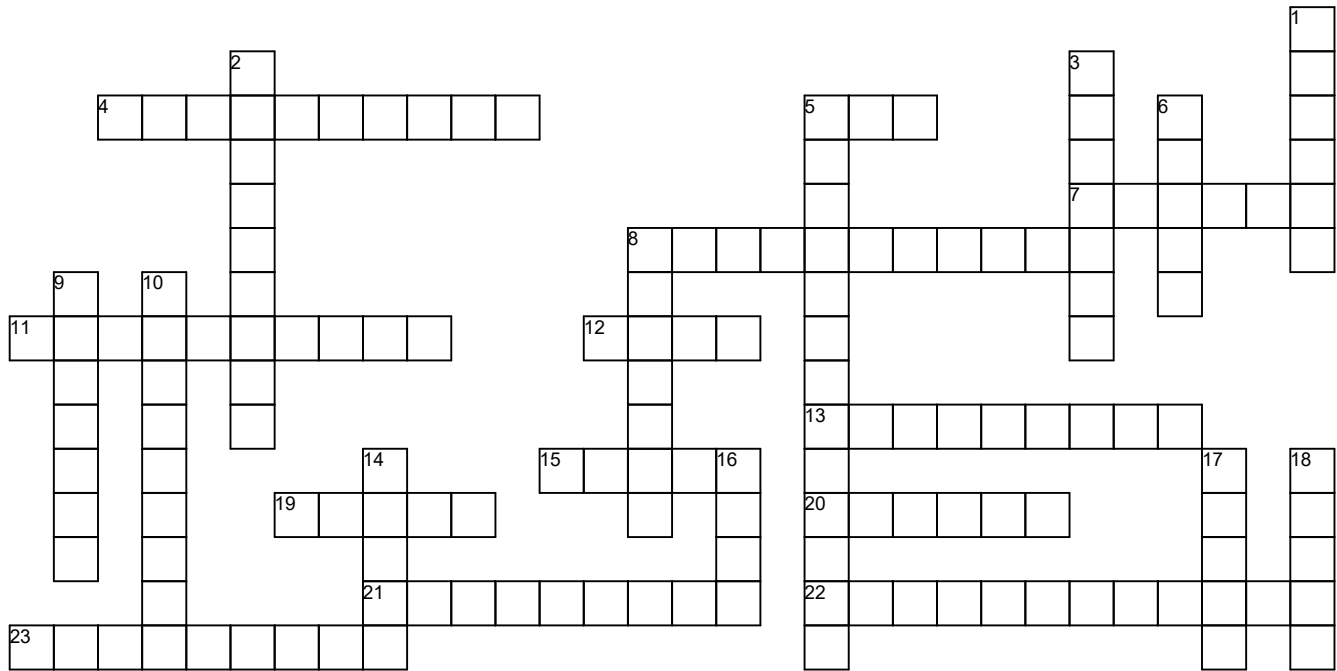


Rivers Crossword Puzzle

1. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct answer in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

4. The process by which water moves continuously through land, water, and air is called the water cycle or the _____ cycle.
5. A barrier constructed to contain the flow of water or to keep out the sea.
7. Where a river begins.
8. A major North American river and flows southward into the Gulf of Mexico.
11. Many rivers are used as a means of _____, bringing water to the surrounding land.
12. One source of water renewal in rivers.
13. This river was important in the development of several great civilizations in ancient Mesopotamia.
15. A possible river destination.
19. A steep descent of the water of a river.
20. Largest river in South America.
21. A crescent-shaped lake that is formed when a meander of a river is cut off from the main channel.
22. Rivers or streams that dry up for part of the year are called _____ streams.
23. A line that divides two adjacent river systems.

DOWN

1. A long depression in the surface of the land that usually contains a river.
2. A branch that flows into the main stream.
3. Process by which moving water wears away material from the bottom or banks of a river.
5. The geographical area draining into a river.
6. The place where a river or stream empties into another body of water.
8. A curve in a stream.
9. Force that causes water to flow in a certain direction.
10. The volume of water that a river carries.
14. The rising of a river and its overflowing onto normally dry land.
16. Largest river in Africa.
17. Many rivers are used to generate hydro-electric _____.
18. A low triangular area where a river divides before entering a larger body of water.

Nile	hydrologic	dam	delta
flood	drainage basin	intermittent	valley
oxbow lake	falls	source	tributary
Amazon	erosion	watershed	Mississippi
gravity	meander	discharge	irrigation
power	Euphrates	mouth	rain
ocean			